THE IDAHO STATE SONG

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"It's getting near time for me to say good-bye. But before I go, I will tell you a little about our song. The music for the Idaho State Song was written by Sallie Hume Douglas under the title "Garden of Paradise." In 1917, McKinley Helm, a student at the University of Idaho, wrote a verse to this tune for a competition and won first prize. The song, called "Our Idaho," became the University Alma Mater. The title was changed to "Here We Have Idaho," and the music was designated by the Idaho Legislature as the State Song in 1931. My voice cracks a little, and I can't hit all of the high notes, but I'll share a verse or two with you. . . .

